basis of all the available information, data and expert advice, available with the Government at that time. The recommendations made by the Bose Committee, which included the whole subject of fisheries, whether inland or marine, were only a part of the data bank available with the Government at that time and these recommendations did not specifically form the basis of the New Deep Sea Fishing Policy.

(c) The Fishermen's Associations of Gujarat and other coastal States expressed apprehensions that the operation of the deep sea fishing vessels under joint venture would affect their fishing operations in coastal areas adversely. They demanded that deep sea fishing vessels should be allowed to fish only beyond 24 nautical miles from the shore They also demanded the cancellation of permissions given under the deep sea fishing policy, among other things. An Expert Committee constituted by the Government in this regard has found that the operation of deep sea fishing vessels has not affected the traditional fishermen adversely. However, Government has decided not to process any new applications for deep sea fishing till the whole policy is reviewed.

(d) The catch from the vessels operated under joint venture is about 30,000 MTs p.a. as against the present marine fish production of about 27 lakh tonnes. Out of this about 2.25 lakh tonnes is exported and the rest is available for the domestic market.

(e) The Government has constituted a Committee to make recommendations for review of the Deep Sea Fishing Policy by taking into account all the available information on the subject.

(f) Deep Sea fishing vessels under foreign flag are allowed to operate only beyond 12 nautical miles on the East Coast and 24 nautical miles on the West Coast. Coast Guard is responsible for surveillance, security and other aspects of the operation of deep sea fishing vessels under foreign flag.

Reservation of seats for Higher Education in Uttarakhand

1331. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reservations of seats for higher education are being given for students from Uttrakhand areas in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Department of Education has not issued any instructions to the University Grants Commission for reservation for students from the Uttarakhand region. According to the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission, Central Universities are required to adhere to the Government policy on reservation for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in matters of:—

(i) admission to various courses;

(ii) hostel accommodation; and

(iii) recruitment to teaching posts (upto lecturers) and non-teaching postst upto the level equivalent to Group-A posts in the Government.

Supreme Court diretion for investigation of crimes

1332. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has directed the Union and the State

Governments to instruct their investigating agencies to eschew crude steps and adopt scientific methods in detecting crimes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any concrete steps are being worked out in this regard, in consultation with the State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) 'Police' and 'Law and Order' are State Subjects. The directions of the Supreme Court, if any, to eschew crude steps and adopt scientific methods in detecting crimes are required to be implemented by the State Governments concerned. The Central Government has, however not only emphasised from time to time the optimum use of scientific aids to investigation of crime, but has also been providing financial assistance to the States for the same.

Activities of International Human Rights Organisations in India

1333. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Amnesty International, Asia Watch, Red Cross and other alike organisations have been defaming India from time to time;

(b) the reasons for these organisations to come in the name transparency and sit in judgement on us as reported in the 'Indian Express' dated the 18th July, 1994 and the 12th January, 1995;

(c) what are the organisations and individuals in India who collaborate with these foreign agencies; and

(d) whether the real object is not to embarrass and harass us and so extract more and more concessions from us in favour of foreign Governments and foreign companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Human Rights Organisations like Amnesty International and Asia Watch have, from time to time, been referring to the Ministry of Home Affairs, allegations of human rights abuses in various parts of the country. Allegations of a sweeping and generalised nature have frequently been made in these reports. A large number of allegations published in these reports, were found to be exagerated and grossly distorted, and the Government have all along been firmly rebutting the allegations in such cases. Immediate response to the allegations raised by these organisations, including factual details of specific allegations, is made available to our missions abroad for dissemination through press releases and direct contacts. The International Committee of Red Cross has not published any report defaming India.

(b) Requests of international human rights organisations to visit various parts of the country are considered by the Government on case to case basis, on merits. So far Government have allowed Amnesty International to visit Bombay in January, 1994. An offer was also made for them to visit Punjab, which was not availed.

(c) No specific information is available in this regard, though efforts have consistently been made by secessionist and terrorist groups in various parts of the country to exploit such organisations to spread disinformation and propaganda.

(d) There is no question of the reports of such organisations influencing the Government policy and